

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully asserts that the foregoing amendments are not being submitted for purpose of delay and do not involve new matter. Applicant has listed the currently pending claims in response to the Examiner's amendment that canceled original claims 4 and 5 and renumbered the claims 1-24. Hence, claims 1-24 are listed as previously presented in view of the Examiner amendment renumbering the claims, and any claims that have been amended to correct for typographical errors, antecedent basis, and/or other informalities, or canceled, are noted parenthetically. Further, since claims were allowed after the phone interview on October 11 without any other preceding substantive actions by the Office, this is Applicant's first opportunity to respond and hence the reason for not presenting the various amendments earlier. Applicant briefly explains the various amendments made to the patent application below.

I. Specification Amendments

Various amendments have been made to the specification through this Response to correct typographical and grammatical errors, to provide antecedent basis for all terms in the claims, and to provide a correct and accurate description of Applicant's invention as originally disclosed. Although these amendments effect several changes to the specification, no new matter has been added.

II. Claim Amendments

Applicant has amended claim 1 to remove "indicative" from the limitation designated "E4." Claim 2 has been amended to insert the conjunction "and" after the limitation designated "A2." Claim 8 has been amended to correct for antecedent basis since "food product" is first mentioned in claim 7, not claim 4. Claim 9 has been amended to replace "example" with "optimized to make consistent with the preceding like-term. Claims 22 and 23 have been canceled since they recite

steps in a system claim.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite entry of the foregoing amendments, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

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